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FROM US REP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

1. MEMO TO COUNCIL REPS FROM PRES/COUNCIL DATED AUG 21 INVITES STATES TO INDICATE BEFORE NOON 27 SEP PREFERENCES REGARDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS. US REP HAS NO GUIDANCE TO DATE.

2. ASSUME US WISHES RETAIN MEMBERSHIP JOINT SUPPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES (ATC ON 3-YEAR CYCLE). REGARDING WORKING GROUP CONDITIONS SERVICE, US SHOULD NOT SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN VIEW TIME-CONSUMING WORK THAT GROUP, AND ABSENCE ANY STAFF.

3. FIRST PARA PRESIDENT'S MEMO RAISES QUESTION OF CONTINUATION, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WHICH US REP CHAIRS. IMPORTANT THAT WE PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY ONE WAY OR OTHER REGARDING THIS COMMITTEE: (A) TERMS OF REFERENCE REVISED BY COUNCIL MARCH 1973 BROADENING POSSIBILITY FOR UTILIZING COMMITTEE. SUGGEST REVIEW NEW TERMS. (B) MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE HAS REMAINED CONSTANT SINCE CREATION 1971 - 11 MEMBERS. COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE CONTINUED IF ITS CONCEPT IS TO BE ABUSED OR IF IT IS TO BE USED AS TOKEN REPRESENTATION

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ICAO ACTIVITY UI. US REP FEELS IT CAN BE USEFUL, ONGOING EFFORT TO CONTINUE WORK ON SECURITY SARPS IN TECHNICAL ANNEXES,

ANALYSIS OF INCIDENTS, ETC. EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP MIGHT SERVE TO ALLAY FEARS THAT SMALL SELECT GROUP (11 OF 30 COUNCIL MEMBERS) MIGHT DICTATE TO COUNCIL AND ICAO MEMBERSHIP IN HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREAS. HOWEVER, PRESENT STATE MEMBERSHIP BALANCED AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCED AND COOPERATIVE. (C) CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE EXPECTED TO REMAIN WITH US IF WE DESIRE IT. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WHOEVER WOULD TAKE IT IF US DOES NOT CONTINUE. ANSWER IS DIFFICULT SINCE THERE WAS NO CHAIRMAN FOR 18 MONTHS DUE TO IMPASSE AMONG MEMBERS AND "BLOCKING OF US." IF COMMITTEE CONTINUES AND IF US KEEPS CHAIRMANSHIP TO AVOID OTHER POSSIBILITIES, US REP PROPOSES SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS AND FIRM ONGOING EFFORT. WOULD RECOMMEND YAMAGUCHI (JAPAN), WAKIDA (UGANDA) OR BORISOV (USSR). COMMENTS RE THESE MATTERS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRES/COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN MORNING SEPT. 28.

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